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NEWSY NEWS

By Ralph F. Cummings

Well, we've all heard of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and we are wondering why such a thing as this could of happened in a country like this, a civilized country, and a beautiful country to live in, and still we have people that seem to hate us, and all we live for; they even hate themselves, let alone people of this continent. Why oh why did such a thing happen here. I or no one else can understand it. John F. Kennedy, a young man of only 46 years old, right in the prime of life, was a strong steadfast young man and giving his whole life to this beautiful country of ours. Good Bye Jack, Good Bye, wherever you are or may be. Same goes for the brave policeman that was shot down by the same madman.

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December 1863

December 1863 saw the continuation of all dime novel series then being published. No new series was begun and none came to an end. Chronologically they shaped up as follows:

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December 16. Irwin P. Beadles Song Book No. 3 "The Russian Bear and American Eagle."

December 17. Irwin P. Beadles Ten Cent Novels #3. "The Patriot Highwayman." A Story of the Revolution by Author of "Leah, the Forsaken."

December 17. "Three Times Dead; or, The Secret of the Heath," by Miss M. E. Braddon. Published by Dick & Fitzgerald. (Paper bound at 50c).

December 19. Beadles Dime Novels #63. "Mahaska, the Indian Princess" by Mrs. Ann S. Stephens.

December 28. Ten Cent Novelettes #2. "The White Rover; or, The Maid of Louisiana" by Dr. J. H. Robinson.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Ed: I am enclosing my subscription to the Dime Novel Round-up. Can't get along without that you know. I have been too busy for a long while to get much reading done. However as long as I have the Roundup I at least keep in touch. Hoping I do not miss any copies, I am — Harry Weatherbee, New Waterford, N. S.

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—Lucile Coleman, Staten Island, N. Y.

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